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SUBJECT:ECE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY (GE.20)

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT INFO THIS MESSAGE TO MICHAEL BERNHARD,
GE.20 SECRETARIAT.

2. REFERENCE TRANS/SCI/GE20/11 DD 31 MAY 1976, REPORT OF
30TH SESSION, 17-21 MAY.

3. FOLLOWING ARE U.S. COMMENTS AND PLANNED ACTIONS RE
REFERENCE:

A. SPEED LIMITS - PARAGRAPHS 5 THRU 13. SPEED LIMITS IN
U.S. REMAIN AT 55 MPH MAXIMUM FOR ALL CLASSES OF VEHICLES.
NO CHANGES ARE PLANNED. LOWER SPEED MAY BE IMPOSED BY
STATES OR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. PLEASE NOTE U.S. NOT
CURRENTLY LISTED IN TABLES. U.S. IS IN ACCORD WITH ANNEX 1.

B. CONDITIONS FOR USE OF LIGHTS IN BUILT-UP AREAS - PARA.
14. NOTED U.S. REPRESENTED ON WP-29.

C. UNIFORM APPLICATION OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC RULES AND ROAD
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SIGNS AND SIGNALS - PARAS 15 THRU 33. FOLLOWING BEING

TRANSMITTED THRU U.S. MISSION VIA AIR POUCH:

- A. "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES", WITH ADDENDA,
- B. FHWA NOTICE, "LANE USE CONTROL SIGNS",
- C. NCHRP REPORT NO. 43, "BUS USE OF HIGHWAYS, STATE-OF-THE-ART", AND
- D. PAMPHLET, "NEW LOOK IN TRAFFIC SIGNS AND MARKINGS".

ITEM "A" IS U.S. NATIONAL STANDARD FOR ALL HIGHWAYS OPEN TO PUBLIC TRAVEL AND COVERS SIGNS, ROAD MARKINGS, AND SIGNALS. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF ITEMS ,A", "B", AND "D" AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

AGREE WITH PARA. 31.

D. METHODS OF PROFESSIONAL DRIVING INSTRUCTION - PARAS 34 THRU 45. FOLLOWING ARE BEING TRANSMITTED:

- A. 20 COPIES OF DRIVER EDUCATION EVALUATION PROGRAM (DEEP) STUDY.
- B. 20 COPIES OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM MANUAL (HSPM) NO. 4, "DRIVER EDUCATION". THIS INCLUDES INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS, ETC.
- C. 2 COPIES HSPM NO. 5, "DRIVER LICENSING."

THESE MANUALS SUPPLEMENT U.S. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM STANDARDS AND INCLUDE THE TEXT OF SUBJECT STANDARD.

E. ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS - PARAS. 46-47. DESIRED STATISTICS NOT READILY AVAILABLE AND SOME UNAVAILABLE. EXPECT SOME PERTINENT U.S. STATISTICS BY 1 SEPT. 76. SEE PAGES 321-348, "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES".

FOR SAFETY MEASURES IN VICINITY OF SCHOOLS - PARAS. 48-51, DOT IS IN PROCESS OF FORMULATING A HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM STANDARD AND MANUAL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY GRADES. THIS WILL BE BASED IN PART ON A NUMBER OF STATE ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS CURRENTLY DOCUMENTED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IN USE. COPIES OF TYPICAL CURRICULA (STATES OF IOWA, ILLINOIS AND INDIANA) BEING FORWARDED THRU U.S. MISSION. SEE ALSO HSPM NO. 4, DRIVER EDUCATION. NOTE: ANNEX 7 AND RELATED GE.20 DOCUMENTS BEING CONSIDERED IN FORMULATION OF DOT STANDARD.

F. FIRST AID TRAINING - PARAS. 52-58. U.S. POSITION STATED IN HSPM NO. 11, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES"

BEING TRANSMITTED THRU U.S. MISSION (SEE PAGE A-3,
PARA. D-2, LAST SENTENCE.).

G. MARKING OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES - PARAS.59-60.

U.S. IS IN AGREEMENT AND IS PARTICIPATING IN WP-29.

H. REFLECTORIZED REGISTRATION PLATES - PARAS. 61-62.

20 COPIES OF BROCHURE, "LICENSE PLATES 1976" BEING
TRANSMITTED THRU U.S. MISSION. THIS SHOWS ALL U.S. PLATES
IN COLOR GIVING DETAILS ON SIZE, SHAPE AND REFLECTORIZA-
TION.

I. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - PARAS. 63

THRU 73. 20 COPIES OF CCMS REPORT NO. 44, "U.S.EVALUATION
REPORT CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY FOLLOW UP" WILL BE
TRANSMITTED WHEN RECEIVED FROM PRINTERS ABOUT MID-AUGUST.
CURRENTLY TRANSMITTING 20 COPIES EACH OF REPORTS, "MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DATA FILE" AND
"DESIGN FOR NASS: A NATIONAL ACCIDENT SAMPLING SYSTEM".

J. CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION - PARA. 74. NO COMMENT.

K. OTHER BUSINESS - PARAS. 75-79. WORK OF GE.20 COVERS
RESPONSIBILITIES OF MORE THAN ONE U.S. AGENCY, I.E.,
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA)
AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA), AS IN SOME
OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, BOTH ARE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT). CHANGING THE NAME OF GE.20 WILL
NOT HELP THE SITUATION AND THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE
ANY ADVANTAGE TO LONGER MORE DETAILED NAME. ROAD SAFETY
NORMALLY INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF SIGNS, ROAD MARKINGS
AND TRAFFIC RULES. IF THE GROUP DECIDES TO CHANGE THE
NAME, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SECOND ROAD BE DROPPED
FROM THE U.K.'S SUGGESTED TITLE AND READ, "GROUP OF
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EXPERTS ON ROAD SAFETY, TRAFFIC RULES, SIGNS AND SIGNALS."
THERE APPEARS TO BE VALUE IN THE DESIGNATION OF SUB-GROUPS.
HOWEVER, THE U.S. WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEND
REPRESENTATIVES TO SUB-GROUP MEETINGS UNLESS THEY WERE
CONCURRENT WITH OR ADJACENT IN TIME TO THE GROUP MEETINGS.
HOWEVER, U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SOME SUB-GROUP ACTIVITIES
MIGHT BE HANDLED BY CORRESPONDENCE.

4. FOR SPRINGER:

A. JOHN BURKE OF NHTSA, U.S. DELEGATE TO 30TH SESSION, WILL
SUPPLY ABOVE PROMISED DOCUMENTS TO STATE FOR TRANSMISSION
VIA AIR POUCH. ALL PACKAGES WILL CONTAIN NOTE ON CONTENTS
AND REQUEST FOR DELIVERY TO GE.20 SECRETARIAT. ONE COPY
OF ALL DOCUMENTS EXCEPT NCRP REPORT 143 (NATIONAL COOPERA-

TIVE HIGHWAY RESEARCH PROGRAM REPORT) AND CURRICULA FROM IOWA, ILLINOIS AND INDIANA WILL BE INCLUDED IN TRANSMITTAL FOR U.S. MISSION RETENTION. REQUEST THESE DOCUMENTS BE KEPT AVAILABLE FOR READY REFERENCE BY U.S. DELEGATES.

B. MR. BURKE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ATTEND 31ST SESSION IN OCTOBER AS U.S. DELEGATE.

C. PLEASE CONVEY OUR REGRETS AT DELAY IN RESPONDING. IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF OTHER PRIORITIES AND THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE DOCUMENTS WERE UNAVAILABLE AND WE HAD TO WAIT FOR REPRINTING. BURKE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT DURING 30TH SESSION.

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